1988	Demand	Allotment
April	40.0	20.0
May	40.0	25.0
June	50.0	25.0
July	50.0	30.0
August	50.0	30.0
September	50.0	35.0
October	30.0	30.0
November	30.0	30.0
December	30.0	30.0

Setting up of food processing unil,s in the country

1842. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES-be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing units set up in different States and Union Territories as on 31st December, 1988;

(b) whether Government proposed to set up any new Food Processing units in the country;

(c) if so, the number of new units proposed to be set up in Orissa and other States during the financial year 1989-90; and

(d) the plan drawn up by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY- OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Food processing industries are in the orgainsed, unorganised and cooperative sectors. Government does not maintain a list of all food processing industries centrally.

(b) to (d) Government have not fixed any target for setting up of new units. However, the number of new units to be set up will depend upon several factors like availability of raw materials and other infrastructural facilities etc.

Demand of fig. iron for the foundry unite

1843. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate demand of pig iron for the foundry units in the country;

(b) whether the foundary units are in crisis due to the scarcity of pig iron; and

(c) if so, steps taken by Government to overcome the crisis of foundry units?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI . MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) The assessed demand of pig iron for foundry units is about 9.8 lakh tonnes.

(b) and (c) There has been a shortage of pig iron during the year. To supple ment indigenous availability Government npproved a scheme import *7* lakh

tonnes of pig iron at concessional rate of duties.

Drought affected vintages in Orissa

1844. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared some villages in Orissa as drought affected villages;

(b) if so, the total number of villages in different districts of Orissa which have declared as drought affected; and

(c) the steps taken to provide relief in those villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Closing of fertiliser units

1845. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer units closed down during the last three years;

(b) whether the Fertilizer units functioning at Talcher in Orissa has also been closed down;

(c) if so, the year since when that Fertilizer unit has been closed down; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the revival of that unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) M/s. Hari Fertilizers Ltd., Varanasi, a private sector company was closed down in July 1988 due to economic contraints.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. However, the Talcher Fertilizer plants of Ms. Fertilizer Corporation of India was shut down in May, 198S for taking up annual maintenance jobs. The Plan was thereafter restarted in December 1988 after maintenance and rectification of defects identified during the inspection.

Non-payment of employees' share of Provident Funds contribution by. M/s. Jugantar Ltd. and Amrit Bazar Patrika

1846. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to tbe reply to Starred Question 325 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether M/s. Jugantar Ltd. have paid employees share of Provident Funds contribution for the year 1988-89;

(b) whether the Amrit Bazar Patrika have since deposited the employees' share of Provident Fund contributions fully for the 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(c) whether it is a fact that Employer's matching contributions have not been deposited to the Provident Funds of M/s. Jugantar and M/s. Amrit Bazar for several years;

(d) if so, the total arrears of Employer's matching contributions both for Jugantar and Amrit Bazar till date;

(e) total arrears of both the companies in respect of both employer's matching contributions and employees' contributions deducted from the employees' wages till date; and

(f) if defaulted, actions taken and proposed to be taken to recover the arrears?